

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 759 without my signature.

Although I appreciate the author's intent to mediate a dispute between the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) and the El Camino Hospital Corporation, this bill presents a clear violation of the separation of powers as established by the California Constitution. Because the SEIU and the hospital are currently involved in litigation, it is inappropriate for the Legislature specifically to attempt to decide the outcome of the case, rather than wait for the decision of the court. Such interference would supplant the role of the judiciary and deny the hospital the ability to present evidence supporting its view that it is not a public entity.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger